

Christopher Mills

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Middle Temple, November 1984

TYPE OF HEARING: 3/5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 10th April 2014 and 28th May 2014

In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 905(f) and 905(d) and pursuant to paragraphs 901.7 and 901.5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

Christopher Mills, a barrister, failed to comply in due time with a sentence imposed by a Disciplinary Tribunal on the 7th December 2012 that he pay a fine of £5000 by the 7th May 2013 and a costs order of £335 by the 11th April 2013, in that he failed to pay the fine or costs order in the sum of £5335 or any part thereof by the date for payment contrary to paragraph 905(f) of the Code of Conduct.

Christopher Mills failed to respond promptly to requests from the Bar Standards Board for comments or information on a complaint, in that he failed to respond to letters sent to him by the Bar Standards Board dated the 15th August 2013 and the 30th August 2013, including formal reminders for compliance with a sentence of the Disciplinary Tribunal hearing on the 7th December 2012, namely payment of a fine of £5000 plus costs of £335.

Such behaviour was serious and therefore constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to paragraph 901.5 of the Code of Conduct, by virtue of its nature and the previous failures to comply with the Code as set out in the previous finding of the disciplinary tribunal on the 7th December 2012 namely 201 and 202(c) and combined with the failure set out above.

SENTENCE: Disbarred.

STATUS: Final.